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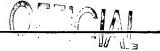
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Attached are the following documents:

- 1. Transmittal Letter (3 pages, in duplicate);
- 2. Amendment and Reply to Office Action (8 pages);
- 3. Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time (1 page, in duplicate).

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